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To Whom It May Concern::

I urge you to support funding for the Baldwin Street/196 interchange project in Jenison, Michigan. This road project is necessary for the continued economic growth in the area.

Sunset Manor, Inc., as one of the largest employers in Jenison and Grandville, Michigan, provides senior housing and health services to approximately 800 senior citizens in the greater Grand Rapids area daily. We employ 550 people in four locations (2 locations in Jenison, 1 in Grandville and 1 in Wyoming).

Our Home Health Division is based on Baldwin Street in Jenison and serves up to 70 people per day in their own homes. These employees must travel from Baldwin Street to surrounding communities often utilizing the intersection at Main Street and Chicago Drive (The intersection at the bottom of the current 196 exit ramp.) This same intersection is utilized by 500 residents, more than 40% of our employees, our vendors and many visitors to our Baldwin Street Campus. We regularly receive complaints about the lack of accessibility to our location on Baldwin Street (a major thoroughfare in Jenison).

As a business, we incur significant costs associated with travel time staff wages, inter-facility business transaction delays and loss of potential customers due to the traffic volumes generated by the inadequate design of the current exit and intersection. As a result, I again ask for your support in moving this project forward.

In addition, to asking for your support, I would ask that Sunset manor, Inc. be kept abreast of future discussions and meetings related to this project.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,

John Thorhauer
Corporate Operations Officer